

Not only does the definition deny coverage to Indian women, but the provision also runs counter to the general Medicaid rule treating IHS facilities as full Medicaid providers.

This legislation would resolve these problems by clarifying that, for purposes of the "Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act," the term "creditable coverage" shall not include IHS-funded care so that American Indian and Alaska Native women can be covered by Medicaid for breast and cervical cancer treatment.

Since a number of States are currently moving forward to provide Medicaid coverage under the state option, the need of this legislation is immediate to ensure that American Indian and Alaska Native women are not denied life-saving breast and cervical cancer treatment.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes on the Native American Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Technical Amendment Act that is critically important to many American Indian and Native Alaskan Women.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Native American Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Technical Amendment Act of 2001. While this bill is technical in nature, it offers real benefits to low-income Native American women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer.

The bill makes a technical correction to legislation that Congress enacted last year, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment and Prevention Act. Last year's legislation allowed States, at their option, to cover low-income women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention screening program under Medicaid. The bill, however, inadvertently excluded Native American women from receiving assistance under this option due to an underlying definition of "creditable coverage" intended to protect Native Americans receiving health services through Indian Health Services in the context of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Unfortunately, in this instance, the definition had the effect of excluding Native American women from coverage rather than protecting them. The legislation before us today will resolve this problem by clarifying the term "creditable coverage."

While Native American and Alaskan Native women have a higher incidence of breast and cervical cancer than the U.S. population generally, the exclusion from the new Medicaid coverage option leaves Native American women with fewer resources to fight their breast and cervical cancer. This legislation needs quick enactment to ensure that Native American and Alaskan Native women receive this needed assistance.

The Senate already passed this legislation by unanimous consent. This bill is supported by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and American Cancer Society among others. I am pleased that the House will address this very important issue this year.

I wish to extend my appreciation and recognition as well to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who have worked on this issue, including the lead sponsor Representative TOM UDALL. I also want to commend Representative ANNA ESHOO, who worked tirelessly last year to make this State option under Medicaid a reality. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. GILLMOR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1741.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Mr. LUTHER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family matters.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. MASCARA, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Ms. BERKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.  
 Ms. JACKSON-LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A joint resolution and a concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S.J. Res. 13. Joint resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, also known as the Marquis de Lafayette; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Con. Res. 80. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on December 18, 2001 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 483. Regarding the use of the trust land and resources of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon.

H.R. 1291. To amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and improve authorities relating to education benefits, compensation and pension benefits, housing benefits, burial benefits, and vocational rehabilitation benefits for veterans, to modify certain authorities relating to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2559. To amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Federal long-term care insurance.

H.R. 2883. To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for intelligence and intelligence related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3323. To ensure that covered entities comply with the standards for electronic health care transactions and code sets adopted under part C of title XI of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3442. To establish the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, December 20, 2001, at 10 a.m.

#### OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat.22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will sell and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 107th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

Honorable JOE WILSON, 2nd South Carolina.